

FIGHT FOR WEALTH ECCENTRIC WIDOW HID IN MANSION

Ward and Relatives of Mrs. Josephine Mackey Want Fortune She Left.

THOUSANDS IN GARRET.

Administrators Believe Much More Money Is Concealed About House.

(Special to The Evening World.) STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 1.—Following the finding of \$5,200 hidden away in a sewing table in the home of Mrs. Josephine Mackey, a former New York woman who died in Darien Jan. 2, one of the strangest will fights in the history of Fairfield County is in prospect to-day.

Mrs. Mackey, the widow of Alexander Mackey, once prominently connected with the American Sugar Refining Company, left an estate valued at several hundred thousand dollars. About two-thirds of it is in bank accounts, divided between New York City, Stamford and Darien. The balance is in real estate.

Ten persons have come forward to claim the property. Nine call themselves relatives and one, Elsie Clark Walling Mackey, also known as Elsie Kerr, believes she is entitled to the old Mackey mansion on the Boston Post Road, in Darien, because she was taken in as a member of the Mackey household when only two years old, and was treated as an adopted daughter.

Elsie Walling, who is forty-nine, is in possession of the big house, which is filled with costly oil paintings and furniture of the style of the first Napoleonic era.

It is believed that a big fortune still is hidden away in the old structure, and within a few days officials of the trust company which is acting as temporary administrator will make another search. Only the garret has been gone through yet and it was there the \$5,200 was found.

Persons in Darien who knew Mrs. Mackey are of the belief that money has been stuffed away in all sorts of available hiding places in the building. In Darien the old lady (she was eighty-two at the time of her sudden death from heart failure) was known as eccentric. One of her hobbies was to hide money and to have her fortune in such shape that it could be converted into cash at a few hours' notice.

"You never can tell about money," she was in the habit of saying. "Put it into stocks and bonds and it stays there, and only gives you interest in return. Put it into mortgages and you are fairly safe. But the best thing to do with money is to put it where you can get it whenever you want it. That's why I prefer having bank accounts."

Old Mrs. Mackey was an accomplished musician and had been educated abroad. Her maiden name was Josephine Rockett. Sixty years ago, as a belle of New York she met and married Alexander Mackey. For a time they lived at No. 240 Madison street in the old Seventh Ward, then they moved to Seventy-first Street and Lexington Avenue which was considered "out in the country" then.

In their home there a son came, but the little fellow died twenty minutes after his birth. It was when Mrs. Mackey recovered that she began showing eccentric traits, according to Mrs. Josephine Rockett, a niece who occupies the old Mackey mansion at Darien with Elsie Walling.

"One day," said Mrs. Rockett, "Mrs. Mackey saw little Elsie, then a girl of two years, and the daughter of Mrs. Clark Walling of Keenport, N. J. That was forty-seven years ago. She took Elsie into her home and adopted her, although the adoption never was legally recorded. She had great plans for Elsie, but Elsie was a home-body and never would go out. She is living here now, just as happy as when she was a girl. She reads and writes, but she does not care for anything else since the death of Mrs. Mackey. Just then Elsie Walling came downstairs.

"Oh, I wish I was dead with Mrs. Mackey!" she exclaimed, and then she ran out into the rain and hid in a barn.

"No use trying to see her now," said Mrs. Rockett. "She's just sick of all this talk about hidden money and the like."

"Did Mrs. Mackey ever say anything about hiding her money?" she was asked.

"Laws! no," was the reply. "She was a sweet old lady, and you never could have thought she knew about money. But she knew how to keep

Union Hours for Housewives and Maids! Eight-Hour Day Is Enough, Says Judge Guy



Supreme Court Jurist Elaborates His Theories of "Votes for Women" as a Means of Obtaining Shorter Day for Weaker Sex—Why Should Drudgery Be Permitted Inside the House When It Is Not Tolerated Outside, Thanks to Votes for Men?—Long Hours of Household Slavery Driving Women to Outside Work.

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall. "If there were as much waste, inefficiency and incompetence in women's management of their homes as is to be found in Federal, State and most Municipal Governments to-day, the homes of America would all be bankrupt."

It was Supreme Court Justice Charles L. Guy who placed that verbal torpedo neatly under the side of the argument that "woman is naturally unfitted for public office," when he made his sane and earnest plea for the enfranchisement of women in Cooper Union the other evening. For a long time Judge Guy, distinguished representative of the most conservative profession, has nevertheless aligned himself squarely and openly with the minority of men who are supporting women in their demand for justice for the majority.

Among that majority's most cherished conventions is that, on the one hand, men have displayed a godlike perfection in the conduct of public affairs, while on the other, women have not even proved themselves competent to manage their own little matters, have not yet shown themselves successful in their "sphere"—the household. "Municipal house-cleaners, indeed!" Mrs. Josephine Daskam Bacon, the novelist, once exclaimed to me, with open scorn: "Why, the French woman would be utterly ashamed of herself if she knew no more about the proper management of her home than many an American woman." And of course it's a common argument that in their troubles with servants American women show a genuine lack of executive ability.

But here is Judge Guy, who intimates that woman-run homes would be bankrupt if conducted on the principles of man-run governments. It seemed to me that women, at least, would be interested in hearing more about this revolutionary theory, so I called on Judge Guy in his home at No. 335 Convent Avenue.

"Many of these persons who decry women's incapacity management seem to assume that men's enterprises invariably achieve success," the Judge began quietly.

"As a matter of fact the majority of the business ventures made by men end in failure. And despite all the trouble with the servant problem women's great business, the management of the home, has never been disturbed

her money and be pleasant to all her relatives, and that's something." Here Mrs. Rockett, who said her mother was sister of Alexander Mackey, led the visitor through the house. In the garret she pointed to the table in which \$5,200 was found by searchers from the Home Bank. Much other old-furniture was on the same floor. Mrs. Rockett said it had not been searched.

"That'll stay just as it is till the bank folks look at it," she explained. Following is a list of those who have filed their names, as relatives of the Mackeys, and have retained Attorneys.

Daisy Beers Whedon of Brooklyn, a niece; Elsie Kepply Bridgeport, niece; Adrian Rockett, Bridgeport, a nephew; William Rockett, Bridgeport, nephew; Francis Rockett, Jackson, Mich., nephew; Ella J. Leavenworth, Bridgeport, grandniece; Edward Rockett, Trenton, N. J., grandnephew; Stella F. Hubert, Charlottesville, Va.

Neither Elsie Walling nor Mrs. Josephine Rockett has put in a claim with the probate court, but it is understood they will fight bitterly for a share.

IF THE HOME WAS CONDUCTED AS UNSUCCESSFULLY AS THE MAN-RUN GOVERNMENT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A WRECK LONG AGO



every man to give his wife a certain proportion of the joint earnings as a right and not as a privilege. We have no privilege in this country, or should have none. A wife has a right to share in the family funds. Take that case of the Brooklyn woman legally adjudged to have no part in the money that was the result of her husband's wages and her earnings. That's the law, but it shouldn't be the law.

outlined shows that the wife of the working man is at least as important a member of the community as he is himself. And it's not fair to put fair hours and decent conditions in his trade? By his vote. Women, when they have the ballot, will also use it for their industrial protection.

"I firmly believe that in a few years the eight-hour rule for housework will be everywhere recognized, and that it would have been recognized long ago if women had votes, just as men's votes have compelled recognition of their rights."

"Which is an argument that ought to appeal to that pet reliance of the anti, the 'quiet home woman.' 'Women are also said to mismanage their homes from the financial standpoint,' I suggested. 'They are blamed for the high cost of living and for unwise expenditure.'

"For the last ten years Americans, men and women alike, have been passing through a period of luxurious living, and now they have to pay the piper." Judge Guy summed up, succinctly. "But it's not fair to put the blame for this situation on women any more than on men. The man who, twenty years ago, would have considered himself able to afford a cab once or twice a year now goes about in his own automobile. Is it just to blame his wife for the change?"

"As for the argument that women do not manage their household expenditures wisely, we must remember that it is now the income and not the lack of capital and a lack of authority. A man would find great difficulty in making a success of a small business if all his capital were supplied him by another, who also constantly interfered in his disposition of it."

"Suppose the customary situation reversed. Suppose the woman provided the income and the man ran the household. How would he enjoy it if she gave him an allowance large enough for beer and athletics and then demanded that he supply her with wine and porthouse steak?"

"There ought to be a law requiring

FRITZI SCHEFF ACCUSED. Creditor Says She Gave Jewels for Pledgion Loan.

Objections to the discharge from bankruptcy of Fritzi Scheff, prima donna, were filed to-day with the clerk of the Federal District Court. The affidavit was signed by Milton Wolf, president of Joseph Wolf & Co., 632 Fifth Avenue, milliners and designers.

The proceedings in bankruptcy were instituted in 1911. A motion was filed for a final discharge in December and is now in the hands of the clerk for next Monday.

Wolf alleges that Fritzi Scheff, with intent to defraud her creditors, transferred property to the value of \$40,000. The paper alleges this property was mostly jewelry, which was pawned for \$15,000.

The affidavit then declares Mme. Scheff gave the pawn tickets to Charles R. Dillingham as security for money loaned. Wolf says no such loan was ever made.

Old Time Telegrapher Dead. Charles J. Kirshbaum, an old-time operator, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Manhattan, on Sunday afternoon. He was 82 years of age. He was a Brooklyn resident. Information of Mrs. Kirshbaum's whereabouts will be appreciated by the New York Telegrapher's Aid Society, No. 155 Broadway, New York, who have assumed charge of the remains. Telephone 680 Cortlandt.

SECOND ALL-NIGHT SHIP BILL FIGHT AHEAD IN SENATE

Republicans Renew Filibuster and Democrats Order Cots for Sleeping Spells.

TALK OF CLOTURE RULE.

Smith, Leading Debate, Is Challenged on Claim of 500,000 New York Unemployed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—After a week-end truce Republican filibusters against the Ship Purchase Bill went into action anew to-day. Both sides arranged for relays of speakers throughout the day and night and to-morrow.

"We propose to keep the Senate in continuous session," said majority leader Kern.

Prospects of a cloture rule, if the relentless opposition of Republicans should continue, were being discussed in Democratic circles.

When Senator Smith of Michigan resumed his speech, Senator Walsh challenged his statement that there were 500,000 unemployed men in New York City.

"In the last election," said Senator Walsh, "the total vote in the city for Governor was 481,000 odd, so the Senator means to say that there are more unemployed men in the city of New York than there are voters."

Senator Smith insisted his figures included aliens, unnaturalized citizens and tramps from other States, as well as citizens of the city. He declared there were 150,000 unemployed in Chicago.

The White House got tangible evidence of the activity of the Democrats when a request arrived to-day for permission to install cots in the President's room for Democratic Senators to keep near the chamber day and night for a roll call. The President readily agreed.

Senators Sherman, Weeks, Page and others kept up a running fire of questions with the Michigan Senator relating to business conditions and the shipping measure was entirely ignored in the argument.

Senator Fletcher, in charge of the bill, declared: "We are prepared to stay right here until we force a vote on this bill."

Watching the filibuster with evident amusement when Smith flayed the Democrats were Mrs. William G. McAdoo and Francis B. Sayre.

"Treasury letters," was one phrase Smith applied to the Democrats. He said Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Appropriations Committee, himself a Democrat, had "turned state's" evidence against the majority party by criticizing lavish appropriations as a "horrible mess."

"Carranza ordered the American troops out of Mexico," was another of Smith's assertions. Then Gen. Funston "quarrelled with the Department, protesting that withdrawal of the American troops would be inhuman," the Senator also declared.

"Time after time," said Smith, "Carranza demanded that the American troops be withdrawn. I don't say that he could have enforced their withdrawal by his own mandate, but he did move somebody in this Government to order their return."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Secretary Bryan to-day formally denied that any Government had protested against the bill pending in Congress for the purchase of ships by the United States. Mr. Bryan issued this statement:

"No nation has shipping against the passage of the bill and the bill is not likely that any nation will or would, since the bill does not necessarily raise any diplomatic questions."

It is not proper for the State Department at this time to discuss the manner in which the authority conferred by the bill will or should be exercised properly and with a due regard to the nation's welfare."

In Administration sources close to President Wilson it was reiterated to-day that it is not the intention of the Administration to buy vessels

HARTMAN ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED LOOTING OF WIDOW'S ESTATE

Mrs. Mackenzie Lost Fortune Bringing Her Yearly Income of \$40,000, Is Charge.

DESIGNERS AT FRONT.

Hats Are Small, With the Military Cockade Much in Evidence.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—Less than a dozen American buyers are here for the fashion opening this week. In former years about fifty have been on hand this far in advance of the date.

The war, which has curtailed the business of all houses, is also responsible for the leading notes and features of the new styles. Practically the only new notes in materials is the "blue soldier," which is the new color chosen for the French army. It is very pale, almost a gray blue. All leading houses show this color in tailor made costumes.

The war revivale at the theatres also had a share in directing the dressmakers' imaginations. For instance, the leading feature in hats is the Alaskan headress worn by Mlle. Chenal at the Opera Comique, when she sings "The Marseillaise." It is a huge black silk bow spreading like wings on both sides of the head with a tiny tricolor cockade in the upper corner of one side. The "Chant du Depart," the famous revolutionary song, also on the Opera Comique programme, has caused the fuchsia and striped skirts again to be seen in the Rue de la Paix. All the houses show summer gowns of the Louis Philippe period with full skirts and tight bodices.

French women will not buy much on account of so much mourning. Many houses planned an opening only for American trade, taking the place in order, Doucet, who is in Paris at the head of the hospital at the Elysee Palace Hotel will show one of the finest and richest collections at Worth's. Jean has been wounded and is convalescing. Jacques is with the Army Medical Corps. Half of the store is turned into a hospital in charge of an uncle, who has still found time to supervise the new models. Bourniche leaves next month to join his regiment. He has made a very good collection. Poiret, at Lisieux, will not show until his return from the army. Martial and Arman are stationed at the army barracks in this city, but have prepared a small collection.

The styles are all simple, and outside the coats are mostly military. Georgette has Equiva suits. All show the new blue soldier. Cheruit shows robes gris in afternoon summer silks, also black and white checks. Doucet and Bourniche show evening gowns in violet Plisse and tulle.

Millinery shops are in excellent condition. The shapes are mostly small in the charming trimmings of flower motifs. The military cockade is an important feature. Nothing is elaborate.

under the shipping bill which will cause friction with belligerents in Europe. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan have taken the attitude that the Administration could be trusted not to do anything to involve the United States in international troubles. Friends of the President need to-day that it could be taken for granted that no ships of belligerents would be sought unless anti-treaty arrangements were made.

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